

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The claims in this listing will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-39 (Canceled)

40. (New) A media distribution apparatus comprising:

a storage section that stores views that are original media content, metadata for explaining the views, the metadata comprising a plurality of segments and describing viewpoints assigned on a segment-by-segment basis and time information;

a request receiver that receives, from a client, a distribution request including identification information that identifies, in advance, the content that is distributed, identification information of the content and the viewpoint information selected from list information comprising the time information and the viewpoint information included in the content, and desired time information;

a media extractor/generator that extracts a plurality of segments adapted to the viewpoint information and time information from the metadata with respect to content corresponding to the identification information included in the distribution request and dynamically generates a preview summary video of a time length corresponding to the desired time information by combining views corresponding to the extracted plurality of segments; and

a media transmitter that transmits the generated preview to the client.

41. (New) The media distribution apparatus according to claim 40, wherein a plurality of sets of the viewpoints are assigned based on the segment-by-segment/priority of the viewpoint.

42. (New) The media distribution apparatus according to claim 40, further comprising a charger does not perform charging when the preview is transmitted and performs charging according to a length of the preview.

43. (New) A media distribution method comprising:

storing views that are original media content, metadata for explaining the views, the metadata comprising a plurality of segments and describing viewpoints assigned on a segment-by-segment basis and time information;

receiving, from a client, a distribution request including identification information that identifies, in advance, the content that is distributed, identification information of the content and the viewpoint information selected from list information comprising the time information and the viewpoint information included in the content, and desired time information;

extracting a plurality of segments adapted to the viewpoint information and time information from the metadata with respect to content corresponding to the identification information included in the distribution request and dynamically generating a preview summary video of a time length corresponding to the desired time information by combining views corresponding to the extracted plurality of segments; and

transmitting the generated preview to the client.

44. (New) The media distribution method according to claim 43, wherein a plurality of sets of the viewpoints are assigned based on the segment-by-segment/priority of the viewpoint .

45. (New) The media distribution apparatus according to claim 43, further comprising performing no charging when the preview is transmitted and performing charging according to a length of the preview.